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Application No.: 08/914,244 ) Examiner: I. Bullock  
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Filed: August 19, 1997 )  
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For: CATALYTIC TREATMENT OF )  
GASEOUS EFFLUENTS )  
CONTAINING VARYING AMOUNTS )  
OF SULFUR COMPOUNDS )

**PRELIMINARY REPLY AND AMENDMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111, 1.115 AND 1.119**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 27, 1998, the period for response having been extended until September 27, 1998 by a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) An activated alumina catalyst comprising a cocatalytically effective amount of sodium values for conversion of CS<sub>2</sub>, said effective amount, expressed by weight of Na<sub>2</sub>O, ranging from 1,200 ppm to 2,500 ppm.